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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 have been amended in the foregoing amendment to clarify certain aspects of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-14 Are Patentable over Schloss

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,695,125 to Schloss et al. ("Schloss").

Claim 1

Schloss describes a computer-assisted method for scheduling events. Schloss does not disclose or describe a method for scheduling events and executing those events described by the schedule as in the amended claims. For example, Schloss describes scheduling events, such as administering medication, but does not describe that the execution of the events is controlled by the system. Instead, the events are executed independently, for example by a nurse who actually administers the medication. Applicants' invention as claimed provides a "guide to running the tools required" for performing the respective work steps. [0063]. For example, in the semiconductor device industry, there are a number of semiconductor device development steps which include preparation of circuit designs for the semiconductor device, logic simulation, bonding check, preparation of layout designs, etc. The invention as claimed in the amended Claim 1 includes "accessing a predetermined storage device and executing working tools." As described in the specification, the group work cooperation program accesses a predetermined storage device for opening (executing) tools (application softwares) and data (files) required for the respective work steps. [0063]. Schloss does not describe "accessing a predetermined storage device and executing working tools for the work items" as claimed in amended Claim 1. Thus Claim 1 is patentable over Schloss.

Claims 2-14

Independent Claims 7, 13 and 14 have been amended to clarify the invention and are patentable for the same reasons as Claim 1. Claims 2-6 and 8-12 depend directly or

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indirectly from independent Claims 1 or 7. Accordingly, Claims 2-6 and 8-12 also should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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